



**ZIP** YOUNG GUNS

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'Mr Karting' or the 'Karting Guru' as Martin Hines is universally known and his Zip Kart Company have been at the forefront of all things karting since the company's birth in 1964.

Hines, a multiple FIA World Champion himself and mentor to many of today's racing stars has an unparalleled reputation in the world of karting.

The Zip Kart company builds and distributes everything needed to go racing from what you wear to what you drive, from the very popular indoor and corporate karting which has introduced millions of people to the sport the world over, through national and international 100cc championship racing and up to the extraordinary winged Superkarts capable of over 150 mph.

With such a wealth of knowledge Hines and Zip Kart can offer a complete turnkey solution to design, establish and run Karting circuits and companies worldwide.



Martin Hines winning  
in the 2002 FIA European Championship

5 FIA European titles over five decades

FIA World Champion - 1983, 1991, 1992

FIA World Enduro Champion - 1986

FIA World Cup - 1985

Indoor World Champion - 1989

British Champion - 1976, 1978, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987

FIA European Champion - 1969, 1977, 1986, 1993, 2002

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During his four decades of involvement Hines has become one of the best connected men in motorsport. From the world of karting to the exclusive Formula One paddocks around the globe.

Through enduring partnerships with key motorsports players including Bridgestone, Honda, McLaren, Mercedes, Vauxhall, Ford, the tireless entrepreneur has also been the architect of events and initiatives to promote Karting as not only a leisure activity but also as a first rung of the ladder to a career in motorsport.

In recognition for his contribution to motorsport, Martin Hines was awarded the annual Autocar Motorsport Award, beating Michael Schumacher into second place. Martin's achievements over his 30 years in the sport have been extensive, winning five world titles, promoting Karting to a world-wide audience, developing a large and successful Karting company, setting many of today's stars on the road to the top, and after resuming his own racing career winning the 2002 European Karting Championship.



Left to right:  
David Coulthard  
Jody Scheckter  
Max Mosley  
Alain Prost and the Young Guns  
Receiving the prestigious Autocar award  
Keke Rosberg and Gary Paffett  
Hines in F1 testing role

# YOUNG GUNS The Team

## Champions of the Future...

Future Formula One stars have to start early, for the same reasons as athletes and gymnasts the formative years are crucial for anyone wanting to reach the top. Zip Kart founder, Martin Hines, realised this fact and created the Young Guns Team to allow talented young drivers to realise their potential by providing them with the best equipment and support available. The Daily Telegraph noted that Martin Hines was "the man most likely to set a Formula One star on the road to success"

Hines has almost single handedly been responsible for developing the careers of many of today's stars and his Zip Young Guns Racing Team has become synonymous with their success. Names such as David Coulthard, Anthony Davidson, Jason Plato, Lewis Hamilton, Gary Paffett and Luke Hines amongst others have all benefited from his guidance.

To further encourage and promote the young hopefuls on their way to stardom, Hines created the hugely popular McLaren Mercedes Champions of the Future karting series, which has unparalleled recognition with television coverage on both terrestrial and satellite with audience figures in the millions worldwide.

Out in front:  
Ford Racing  
Young Gun  
James Bradshaw  
2002 MSA British  
Cadet Champion



"My skills were honed in Karts all I've done since is developed my knowledge of how to set a car up."

David Coulthard.

"I certainly have a passion for Karting - it is engraved in my heart- Karting is very important to me."

Michael Schumacher.

Young Guns  
old and new;  
David Coulthard  
Lewis Hamilton  
Gary Paffett  
Luke Hines  
Jason Plato



Making News:  
The Young Guns in  
Various national  
publications

# **YOUNG GUNS** Pathway to Success

Karting has produced 90% of today's Formula 1 drivers...

Gary Paffett and Luke Hines, the latest in the line, stand as a testament to the Young Guns philosophy.

Since joining the team at ten years old, Paffett's progress has been spectacular, collecting championship wins in every category he has raced, from national Karting titles to British Formula Vauxhall and F3 scholarship class to the German Formula 3 crown in 2002. Collecting the McLaren Autosport BRDC Young Driver of the Year and the BRDC Silver Star Awards along the way. Paffett has now entered the heady world of F1 in a testing role.

Luke Hines has followed a similar career path with titles in Karting, and Formula Ford. Hines is now set to make a name for himself in the highly competitive world of Touring Cars.



Luke Hines progresses to Touring cars



Paffett in his F3 Championship winning car

## A Logical Progression...

As one of the sports greatest talent spotters, Hines was continually frustrated that the careers of too many promising young drivers stalled at the transition to cars, mainly because of cost.

Hines' solution was to design and build an entry-level single-seater racing car that was affordable and safe to 'Bridge the Gap'. The Zip Formula race series is now an integral part of the motorsport calendar and is sanctioned by the MSA as the first step, after Karting, on the path to a career in motorsport

Zip Formula cars are the safest junior single-seaters in the world and that's official! The Zip Formula chassis is the only chassis in its class to pass the stringent FIA Formula 3 crash and impact tests. The tests were carried out at Cranfield University in Bedfordshire where most of the Formula 1 chassis are tested. Having invested about £10,000 in this test programme, Zip Formula's principal Martin Hines, is delighted with the result which opens up new opportunities around the world. The implications of passing this test are two fold; firstly, as there are no other chassis in the junior formula, including Formula Ford, that meet this level of safety and secondly, as this is an FIA test, it opens new possibilities for marketing the formula internationally.



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